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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER - THE POLITICAL SITUATION

REF : SD 42

1. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, THE SUBJECT TURNED TO POLITICS. I MENTIONED SOME OF TH MAIN POINTS OF BALAGUER'S AUGUST INAUGURAL SPEECH (CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OF NO-SUCCESSION, NEW FACES IN GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF POLITICAL STRUCTURE) AND INQUIRED WHERE HE THOUGHT HE STOOD IN THOSE RESPECTS. BALAGUER NOTED THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED THE NO-SUCCESSION CONSITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND OBSERVED THAT IT WAS DANGEROUS TO PUSH IT AT THIS TIME SINCE HE MIGHT LOSE POLITICAL POWER BY BEING CONSIDERED A LAME-DUCK. HE ASSERTED THAT HE INTENDED TO PUSH THE AMENDMENT "AT THE RIGHT TIME."

2. BALAGUER ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST APPOINTED SEVERAL OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES TO POSITIONS IN HIS GOVERNMENT. HE CONTINUED THAT IT HAD PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE PARTIES AS SUCH TO JOIN IN THE GOVERNMENT--THEY PREFERRED TO REMAIN IN THE OPPOSITION--AND HE HAD DONE THE NEXT BEST THING BY PERSUADING SOME INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN HIS GOVERNMENT. ESSENTIALLY, HE FELT THAT HE HAD GONE AS FAR AS HE COULD, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT POSSIBLE PERSUADE A FEW MORE TO JOIN.

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3. HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY UNUSUAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

4. COMMENT: IN ALL, IT WOULD SEEM THAT 1975 WILL BE A TYPICAL BALAGUER YEAR DURING WHICH HE WILL CONTINUE HIS CENTRALIZED STYLE OF GOVERNMENT, QUITE FIRMLY IN THE SADDLE.  
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